WNA Membership Assembly Dialogue Forum

Addressing Wisconsin's Nursing Workforce Shortage

Friday, January 19, 2024
DoubleTree by Hilton, 4402 E. Washington Ave., Madison, WI 53704

Background and purpose: Over the past two years, WNA has engaged Wisconsin's professional nursing associations via WNA's Organizational Affiliate structure, to develop strategies for addressing Wisconsin's nursing workforce shortage. The purpose of the January 19, 2024 Dialogue Forum is to provide an update on the activities, progress, and recommendations from the WNA Organizational Affiliates, followed by participants' time for discussion and development of recommendations for WNA continued work.

Agenda

8:30   Welcome and introduction to the Dialogue Forum process

8:40   Overview of Wisconsin's Nursing Workforce Shortage (Panel)

9:00   Report of the work of WNA Organizational Affiliate on addressing Wisconsin's nursing workforce shortage.

9:10   Panel presentation and discussion of the five priorities and strategies for addressing the nursing shortage.

Priority 1. Support the development of new nursing delivery models for care and support.
Priority 2. Promote strategies that improve nurse well-being (physical and psychological).
Priority 3. Improve Wisconsin's public health infrastructure through greater utilization of nurses.
Priority 4. Assure the supply of nurse faculty will meet the needs and demands for nurses.
Priority 5. Increase the public, legislators, regulators, and key stakeholders' awareness of the role and responsibilities of nurses and the value they bring to health care and population health.

Policy implications: Identify topics that would benefit from legislative or regulatory activity.

11:00   Discussion regarding WNA role and responsibility.

11:10   Development of recommendations for 2024 WNA Annual Meeting.

11:25   Next steps – Report summary of the dialogue forum and recommendations to the members attending this afternoon's WNA Annual Meeting

11:30   Adjournment - collect CE Certificate before leaving